

HENRY AND JANE ELLIS ALDER WATKINS



Henry Watkins, son of John Watkins and Harriet Steele Watkins, was born January 5, 1860, at Provo. Married Jane Ellis Alder January 6, 1885; solemnized in Salt Lake LDS Temple June 1, 1893. Died May 24, 1940, Midway.

Jane Ellis Alder Watkins, daughter of Elijah and Mary Jane Wilson Alder, was born November 19, 1861, at Farmington. Died March 21, 1941, Midway.

Henry Watkins was the oldest son of thirteen children born to John Watkins and Harriet Steele.

When he was five years old his father and mother moved from Provo and settled in the Lower Settlement at Snake Creek.

His father and three wives had thirty-three children and it was hard in those days to support them. At the age of fifteen Henry made his own way and supported himself.

He married Jane Ellis Alder, and was the father of four sons and daughters.

He was an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a

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mason and carpenter, trades he inherited from his forefathers. He also owned a farm. He built his home on the east side of Midway and lived there until his death. He helped most of his children build their homes, and did much for the building of Midway. He built many homes, helped build the Midway First Ward church house, Second Ward meetinghouse in Heber City, worked on the old bank building, Wasatch High school and North School. He helped build the smoke stack to the furnace in the high school. He helped excavate the mill pond at Midway, built the old creamery by the Johnson's Milling Company, two school houses at Woodland and Francis. He helped survey many irrigation ditches and helped his father John Watkins survey the Midway Water Works. He helped in building two reservoirs up in the White Pines vicinity called the Island and Brimhall Lakes. He helped put in an assay furnace at the Silver King and Glencoe Mines in Park City, helped build the telephone office in Park City. He cut cord wood for the Ontario Mine used in the firing of boilers. He moved a saw mill boiler from Deer Creek to Mill Flat in Snake Creek, and when they were finished there, they moved it to the east side of Heber City to the South fork of the Provo River with ox teams. He ran a saw mill for two summers at the Mountain Lake Mine in Snake Creek Canyon. He took a large boiler from Mill Flat to Salt Lake City, with two yoke of cattle, to have it repaired as that was the only means of transportation.

He was a good neighbor and friend and neighbor to all who knew him and was very honest in all his dealings. He passed away at Midway, and was buried in the family plot.

Children of Henry and Jane Ellis Alder Watkins:

Elijah H.;
Henry Morris, married Persie McKee;
Casy LeRoy, married Cecelia Murdock, later Ida Rasband;
Harriet Myrtle, married Earl M. Hardy, later Dan McMillan;
Alma Lamar, married Lula May Giles, later Mirranda Smith;
Mary Jane, married Carl Bronson;
Orpha Vida, married Reuben Orson Casper;
Lucile, married Earl Daybell.
Jane was born in Farmington and then

later moved with her family to Franklin, Idaho, and then to Kaysville, Davis County. They later moved to Midway.

At the age of 24 she married Henry Watkins, her childhood sweetheart, and during the next 56 years she raised four sons and four daughters to adulthood. She was always very active in public life. As a girl, she sang vocal solos in the old Bowery on the Midway Town Square. She was a Relief Society teacher for most of her married life, and worked in most of the auxiliary organizations of the church. She was a Primary teacher for many years.

She suffered many trials and hardships and worked very hard, for in those days they had none of the conveniences which we enjoy today. She was very kind, and loving, and charitable to everyone whom she knew. She would go to the bedside of neighbors and friends any hour of the day or night and help them in sickness or death.

She was a very good nurse, and delivered her own sister, Elizabeth, in childbirth, with no complications.

She was an excellent seamstress and made beautiful clothes for the dead. She washed and laid out many dead persons, because in those days morticians were seldom available. She also sewed for private customers.

She was very good to all her children, and she nursed each of her daughters and daughters-in-law when their babies were born. She had very poor health herself, but that didn't stop her from helping others. Before she died she said, "The road has been long and hard, but I have enjoyed every step of it."

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WIFE MARY MAIR
Birth 1 August 1852
Place Carbellow, Ayrshire, Scotland
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Death 2 June 1916 Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Burial 5 June 1916 Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Father Allan MAIR
Mother* Mary MURDOCH
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Where was information obtained? Virginia Christensen
*List complete maiden name for all females.

1st Child Mary Murdoch LINDSAY
Birth 20 October 1869
Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to James FISHER
Married 7 December 1892
Place Logan, Cache, Utah
Death 7 December 1948



2nd Child William Howie LINDSAY
Birth 24 October 1871
Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to Margaret Elinor THOMAS
Married 31 July 1895
Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Death 27 June 1939



3rd Child James Lyon LINDSAY
Birth 21 September 1873
Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to Elizabeth JONES
Married 31 July 1895
Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Death 15 October 1932



4th Child John Allan LINDSAY
Birth 15 September 1875
Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to Ella Minerva BUNNELL
Married 19 April 1900
Place Center Creek, Wasatch, Utah
Death 20 June 1958



5th Child Daniel McMillan LINDSAY
Birth 15 August 1877 Death 6 March 1887
Place near Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
10th Child Daughter LINDSAY
Birth 20 January 1890 Death 20 Jan 1890
Place near Heber City, Wasatch, Utah



6th Child Andrew Alexander LINDSAY
Birth 23 October 1879
Place near Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to Martha Agnes SULSER
Married 9 December 1899
Place Park City, Summit, Utah
Death 4 December 1947

7th Child Samuel LINDSAY
Birth 3 December 1881
Place near Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to
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Death 4 October 1882

8th Child Christina Veronica (Crissie) LINDSAY
Birth 15 July 1886
Place near Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to Adolphia R. DUKE
Married 12 June 1907
Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Death 15 July 1974

9th Child David Pryde LINDSAY
Birth 16 August 1888
Place near Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to Leah BUNNELL
Married 12 June 1917
Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Death 24 February 1926

11th Child Annie Murdoch LINDSAY
Birth 1 August 1892
Place near Heber City, Wasatch, Utah
Married to Edward Delbert CLYDE
Married 9 June 1915
Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Death 21 April 1978